



## Strategic Planning TO IMPROVE TALENT DEVELOPMENT IN ARKANSAS

NOVEMBER 30, 2015

# Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act PURPOSE



- Signed into law on July 22, 2014
- Passed by wide bipartisan majority
  - First legislative reform of the public workforce system in more than 15 years
- Law went into effect on July 1, 2015
- Designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training and supportive services to compete in the global economy



#### Structure of WIOA

- System Alignment
- Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Workers

Title I – Workforce Development Activities

Title II – Adult Education and Literacy

Title III – Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Title III –
Amendments to
the WagnerPeyser Act (aka
Employment
Services)

Title V – General Provisions



### State Plan Development Timeline

July 1, 2015

– WIOA Law
Effective
Date

Nov/Dec 2015 – Strategic Planning Spring 2016 Release of WIOA Regulations NLT February 1, 2016 -Public Comment Begins















March 3, 2016 – State Workforce Plan Due

July 21-22, 2015 – WIOA Statewide Strategy Session December 3, 2015 – Meeting of State Agencies January 12, 2016 – ADWD Quarterly Meeting



#### State Plan Overview



#### Unified

- Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth
- Adult Education
- Wagner-Pesyer
- Vocational Rehabilitation



- TANF
- Unemployment Insurance
- SNAP or SNAP Work Programs
- Trade Act
- Older Americans Act
- Perkins Act
- Veterans Services
- Community Services Block Grant
- HUD
- Second Chance Act
- Migrant & Seasonal Farmworker



#### State Plan Overview

The state plan, as outlined in the law, is divided into five sections:

- Strategic Planning Elements Board Goals
- Operational Planning Elements
- State Operating Systems and Policies
- Program-specific Requirements; and
- Assurances





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  - In-demand sectors and occupations
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- Description of the State's strategic vision and goals for preparing an educated and skilled workforce
- Strategy for aligning the core programs
- Description of how the lead state agency for a core program will implement the strategy
  - The activities that will be funded
  - How the activities will be aligned and coordinated to provide comprehensive, high-quality services
  - How the State's community colleges will be engaged and coordinated with economic development strategies
  - How activities will lead to post-secondary credentials or industry-recognized certification



- Description of the State's operating systems and policies
- How programs will be assessed
- Program specific requirements for each program

